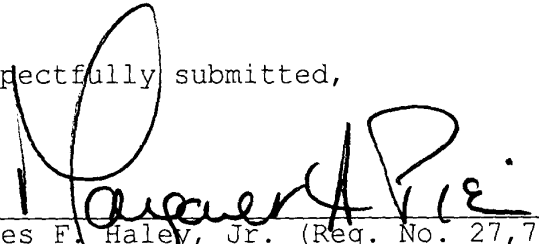


The Examiner contends that these species are distinct because their etiologies differ. Accordingly, the Examiner asserts that an election of species is required, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, in the event that no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicants elect the subject matter of species Group A - atherosclerosis. The claims reading on this species include claim 1, and dependent claims 103-129. Applicants make this species election expressly without waiver of their right to file for and obtain claims directed to the non-elected subject matter in divisional or continuing applications claiming benefit herefrom under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

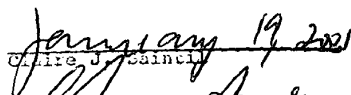


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